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Weekly Black Sea Bass Quota Report (No. 37)

Black Sea Bass Landings and Commercial Quota (Pounds) for Quarter III
(Jul-Sep 1999).

State	Late Entries	Week Ending 18-SEP-99	Period Cumulative Total (to date)	1999 Quarter III Quota	Percent Landed
ME	0	0	0		
NH	0	0	0		
MA	7,260	7,813	70,921		
RI	625	1,145	14,171		
CT	94	26	681		
NY	283	2,763	23,498		
NJ	1,573	11,799	78,960		
DE	667	1,208	9,633		
MD	0	11,611	101,275		
VA	587	5,721	82,315		
NC	662	126	19,223		
TOTAL	11,751	42,212	400,677	372,983	107.4

Notes:

The current federal trip limit on black sea bass is 3,000 lb.

Effective 0001 hours (local time) September 25, 1999, fishing vessels issued a Federal moratorium permit for the black sea bass fishery may no longer land black sea bass for the remainder of the Quarter 3 period.

Negative late entries are the result of corrections to the database.

For the week ending **18-SEP-99**, 196 dealers held a federal black sea bass permit. Of those 196 dealers, 162 (83%) have submitted a weekly quota report for the current reporting week. Because Massachusetts dealers submit weekly quota reports directly to the state, they were not included in these calculations.

These data are the best available to NMFS when this report was compiled. Data are supplied to NMFS by dealers and/or state agencies and may be preliminary.

The following summary is updated as information is received, and may not reflect recent state actions. Readers are urged to contact the appropriate state agency for further information.

State Information on Black Sea Bass

State/ Commonwealth	Closure status	Trip/Possession Limits (pounds)	Other Provisions/ Pending Changes	State Contact
Maine				Kerry Lyons 207-633-9510
New Hampshire				603-868-1095
Massachusetts		1,000 lb trip limit		Dave Pierce 617-727-3193
Rhode Island				Richard Sisson 401-789-3094
Connecticut			Effective 0001 hrs on October 1, 1999 the black sea bass fishery will reopen. The possession limit will be 4,000 lbs.	Colleen Giannini 860-434-6043
New York				John Mason 516-444-0453
New Jersey				Tom McCloy 609-292-2083
Delaware				Rick Cole 302-739-4782
Maryland				Harley Speir 410-260-8303
Virginia				Lewis Gillingham 757-247-2243
North Carolina				Fentress "Red" Munden, 919-726-7021